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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT

by Ray Gibbons

n a period of rapid social change it es robust faith, diligent study and perative work to affect the course of ety. No one can do it alone. Indi-ually, we are inadequate before the nense problems of our social order. e little that we can do seems so small t we are tempted to fold our hands l do nothing.

We are not alone. We have many es. Often they are unknown because one in the church has discovered their erests or abilities. Who are these allies? One of them is the social action com-ttee in your church, which helps all anizations with their programs by mulating study and action on impor-t social problems. Some church mem-s would become strong leaders by par-pating in one of the five summer ial action institutes, in a world order a Washington Seminar sponsored by Council for Christian Social Action. en more members would find it excit-to join in discussions related to the tionwide Program for Peace.

The Council for Christian Social Ac-n can be a valuable ally. The twen-four members whose pictures appear the inside pages of this issue of RISTIAN COMMUNITY, and the staff seven who are presented on page 4, vide a wide variety of resources. They e leadership in the study of current ial problems, and provide publications, dy packets, and readings related to em. Most important of all, as ristians, members of CCSA act on their nviction that God is Lord, and that people, nations, and economic institu-ns belong to him. They are sustained their action by the grace of God in e fellowship of the Church.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY for March, 60 will report more fully the whole ogram of the CCSA during 1959. At is time I want to mention the fair housing project begun in September in Minneapolis under the direction of an interfaith citizens committee. The CCSA is contributing half the annual budget of $18,000 for this program. Contributions for this cause are urgently needed.

Another major program of the year is the Nationwide Program for Peace, an interdenominational educational program on nuclear weapons and the cold war, human rights, international organization, and economic development. Within a few months the CCSA also hopes to have a staff member connected with the Washington office of the National Council of Churches who will provide information and services for our churches in civic and political life.

Year in and year out the CCSA supplies resource materials to countless persons who ask for help, who seek to make their efforts count in their daily work, their clubs and organizations, and in their churches and communities. The CCSA is a "multiplying factor" in the experience of Christians who want to make their life count on behalf of peace, justice and righteousness.

EQUAL HOUSING FOR ALL

by Chester L. Marcus

The greater Minneapolis Interfaith Fair Housing Program, which was described at length in the October issue of CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, is based on the conviction that the Judaeo-Christian ethic requires that all people, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin shall have equal access to adequate housing in a wholesome community. Further, we believe that residential segregation is contrary to the Judaeo-Christian ethic and to the American heritage of freedom, and that every person has a right to make his home in our midst with a claim on our friendship and concern.

The Program will explore and use various methods for creating a climate of understanding and acceptance among all people. We believe this effort toward reconciliation is a vital part of our ministry and a necessary implementation of our faith, which demands of us that we have the same concern for our neighbor's welfare as we have for our own.

Mr. James A. Tillman, Jr., director of the project, has been at work since September 1. His first report indicates that the objectives of the Program have found wide acceptance among people of good will in the Minneapolis area.

February—Month of Emphasis on Christian Social Action

Many important beginnings have been made in the short month of February. It is the time when we celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest heroes—Lincoln and Washington. It is the month when many groups underscore our democratic heritage by observing Brotherhood Week, and Race Relations Sunday. It is the pre-Lenten season, too, when Christians tend to look seriously at the cost of discipleship to him who said "Take up your cross and follow me."

February is the month designated by the United Church of Christ for special emphasis on Christian Social Action. Many churches will be giving special attention to the Nationwide Program for Peace, the subject for interdenominational emphasis in 1960. The November CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY gave suggestions for programs and materials on this and other topics.

In Congregational Christian Churches this is the month for individual contributions to the work of the Council for Social Action, and the Greater Minneapolis Interfaith Fair Housing Project. For Congregational Christian recipients of CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY there is enclosed an envelope for such pledges and gifts. Checks should be addressed to the Council for Social Action, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York.

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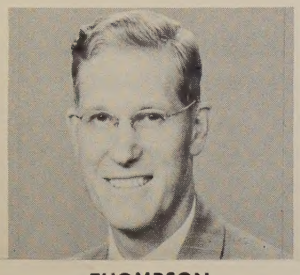

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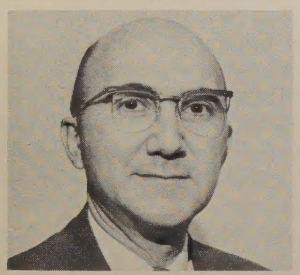

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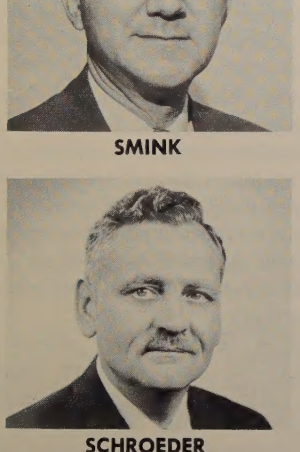

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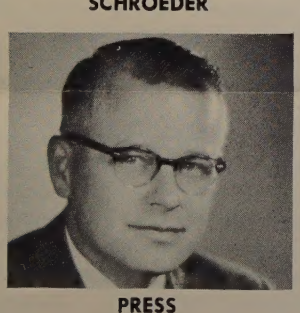

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How can you make your efforts count for world peace, racial brotherhood, economic justic
Do you ever feel that social problems are too big for you? That you are a little person in a vi
large society?

You are not alone. You have many able co-workers in the churches who are making th
influence as Christians felt in their communities, states, and nation.

In your church there may be individuals who share your concern. They may meet to disc
the bearing of Christian faith on social, economic and political issues. Your church may ha
elected a committee on social action and given it responsibility for keeping informed on commun
needs, suggesting stimulating educational programs, and recommending action for church me
bers. Fellowship meetings may deal with crime and delinquency, housing for low-income worke
or world peace.

State conference and synodical social action committees are at work. They suggest legislati
action on state issues and conduct programs of stimulation and leadership training. They coop
ate with similar groups in other denominations through the council of churches.

Rev. George D. Alley, minister, Suffolk, Va.
Mr. Herbert E. Baldwin, fruit grower, Westport, Conn.
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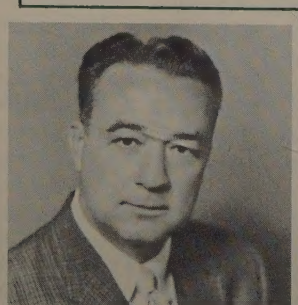

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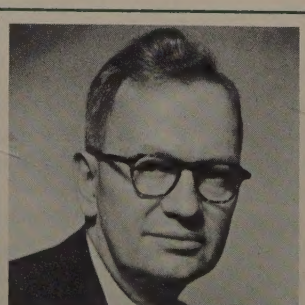

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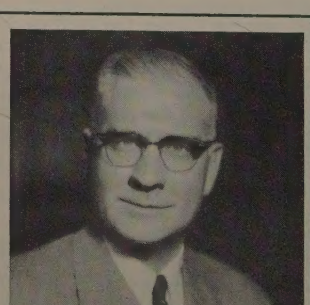

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The United Church of Christ has established the Council for Christian Social Action and given ponsibility for developing its program for Christian action in society. Its members are your in Christian social action. They give their time and talent to help you make your life count eace, justice, and order in the world. You are not alone. A little yeast leavens a very large

The Council for Christian Social Action was established by the United Church of Christ in . It unites the work of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches he Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, instru- alities which were formed a quarter century ago.

The twenty-four members of the CCSA formulate policies, guide the staff, and shape the pro- for Christian social action in the United Church of Christ. Members are elected by the Gen- Synod for six-year terms. Clockwise around the border of the page, beginning at the upper and corner, they are as follows:

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Mr. Robert D. Smink, school principal, Williamsport, Penna.
Dr. Hugo W. Thompson, college professor, St. Paul, Minn. (Chairman)

Additional members of the Council for Social Action (CC) who serve as associate members of the CCSA are:
Dr. Percy L. Julian, chemical manufacturer, Franklin Park, Ill.
Rev. James H. Lightbourne, conference superintendent, Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Horace Shonle, home maker, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mr. Arthur Shores, attorney, Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Paul Tanner, home maker, Rochester, N. Y.
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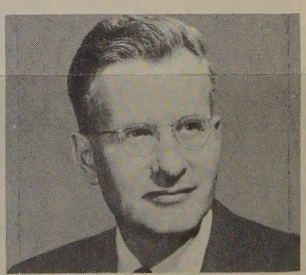
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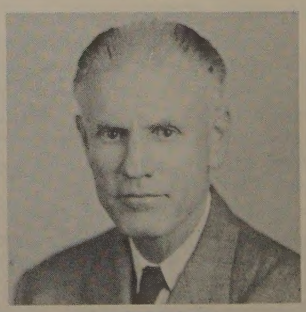
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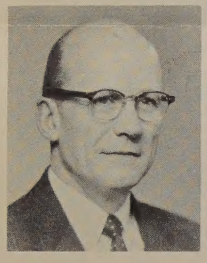
MEET THE STAFF

The CCSA employs a staff of seven persons who bring a rich variety of education and experience to its work. While all members of the staff are prepared to give counsel on the total program of social education and action in the churches, they carry specialized responsibilities. If you need suggestions for tackling a difficult community problem or ideas for an educational program, write to any member of the staff.

While each staff member carries many and varied responsibilities, all of them reserve some time for visiting local churches and for leadership in state conference and synodical meetings. If you think a visit from a staff member would be helpful, do not hesitate to ask for it. A flier "On the Use of Staff Members" gives suggestions for planning such a visit.

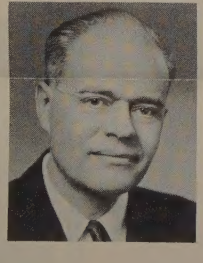
The following paragraphs introduce the members of the staff:



Dr. Ray Gibbons is director of both the CCSA of the United Church of Christ and the CSA of the Congregational Christian Churches. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and of Union Theological Seminary; his honorary doctorate is from Defiance College.

Dr. Gibbons carries responsibility for administering the work of the Council and for its relations with denominational and interdenominational agencies. He is responsible for education on civic and political life and for relationships with the Federal Government.

Dr. Gibbons commutes to the office in New York from his home in White Plains, N. Y. When he is not conducting an institute or international travel seminar he spends the summer on his tree farm in Maine. His two sons are in the ministry; his daughter is a student at the Divinity School of Yale University; and his wife has just completed eleven years of service as a director of Christian education.



Dr. Huber F. Klemme is Associate Director of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ and Executive Secretary of the Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and of Union Theological Seminary. His honorary doctorate is from Heidelberg College.

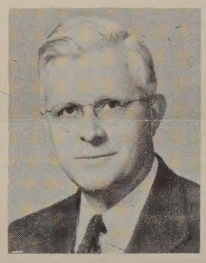
In addition to his administrative work for the Council, Dr. Klemme edits CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY and carries staff responsibility for religious liberty, economic life and services to conscientious objectors. He is the author of *The Bible and Our Common Life* and *Your Church and Your Community*.

In the fall of 1959 Dr. Klemme spent a month in West Germany as a guest of the Government. He and Mrs. Klemme will lead the CCSA Seminar to Mexico in 1960. The Klemmes live in Cleveland, where Mrs. Klemme is a teacher in the public schools. They have two daughters and a son.

Miss Fern Babcock is Publications Secretary and Editor of SOCIAL ACTION. She is a graduate of Kansas State College of Pittsburg and of Columbia University. She joined the staff of the CSA in 1955 after many years of work with the National Student YWCA.

In addition to her editorial work, Miss Babcock serves as administrative secretary for the four or five Christian social action institutes held each summer. She also serves as director of the Washington Seminar.

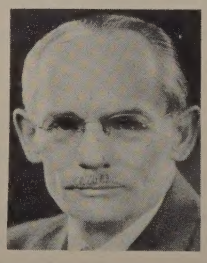
Miss Babcock lives in an apartment in Morningside Gardens, an interracial housing cooperative near Columbia University.



The Reverend F. Nelsen Schlegel is Secretary for Field Service. He joined the staff of the Commission in 1953. He is a graduate of Ursinus College and of Hartford Theological Seminary. He served as a missionary for several years — first as a short term teacher at the American University at Cairo, Egypt, and then as a director of the American School for Boys at Baghdad, Iraq. For twenty years he served pastorates in this country.

Mr. Schlegel makes many visits to local churches and arranges area and synodical conferences for social action leaders. He also carries responsibility for social welfare and family life.

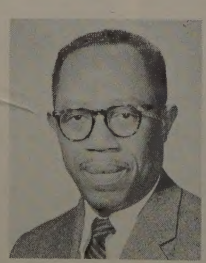
Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel live in Lakewood, Ohio, where Mrs. Schlegel is a director of Christian education. They have three married daughters.



The Reverend Herman F. Reissig is Secretary for International Relations. He is a graduate of Wagner College and Mt. Airy Theological Seminary. He served for more than twenty years as a pastor.

Mr. Reissig directs the international relations program of the CCSA. He does a great deal of speaking in churches on Christian faith and international affairs. He is a frequent contributor to SOCIAL ACTION, the UNITED CHURCH HERALD, THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY and other publications. He works closely with the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. and Mrs Reissig live in an apartment within walking distance of the New York office. Mrs. Reissig is Assistant to the Director of the CCSA. They frequently lead international seminars for the CCSA. Their vacations are spent in a cabin which Mr. Reissig built near Gilead, Conn.



The Reverend Chester L. Marcus is Secretary for Racial and Cultural Relations for the CCSA and for the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He is a graduate of Alcorn A and M College in Mississippi and the Theological Seminary of Lincoln University. After twelve years in the pastorate, Mr. Marcus joined the staff of the Commission in 1954. He and his son Lee live in Cleveland.

Mr. Marcus will spend the year 1960 teaching in a college in Ghana, Africa. During his absence the Reverend Rudolph W. Raber will carry on part of his work. Mr. Raber is pastor of the Hough Avenue E and R Church in Cleveland.

Mr. Raber is a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary. He was assistant pastor at the Caroline Mission in St. Louis before coming to Hough Avenue in 1952.

The Reverend Galen R. Weaver is Secretary for Racial and Cultural Relations for the CCSA and for the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and Union Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, Hawaii, for twenty-three years before coming to his present position in 1947.

Mr. Weaver is active in various aspects of the work of the National Council of Churches, particularly in ministries to migratory labor, Indian Americans, Spanish Americans, and other ethnic or nationality groups. The nature of this work carries him into all parts of the nation, particularly in connection with teaching at training institutes in social action and race relations, conducting the seminars and study tours to Indian Reservations, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and, in the summer of 1958, to Europe. Speaking, writing, and counselling with local congregations also engage much of his time.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver live in Scarsdale where Mrs. Weaver is an active volunteer in church and community. They have a son, who has followed his father into inter-group relations, and three grandchildren.

Dr. Gibbons, Miss Babcock, Mr. Reissig, and Mr. Weaver have their offices in the Congregational Christian headquarters, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, N. Y. (The office has not been moved, but the name of the street has been changed from Fourth Avenue to Park Avenue South.) Dr. Klemme, Mr. Marcus and Mr. Schlegel have their office in the Evangelical and Reformed headquarters at 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

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